



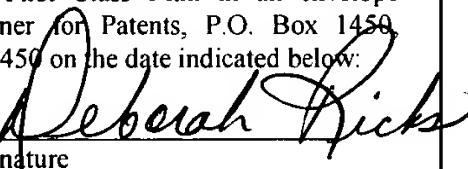
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### **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 27, 2004**

Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by August 27, 2004. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the time period for response to September 27, 2004. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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